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## Diplomatic Complications Are Threatened With Germany

### COAL CARGO OF SHIP IS SEIZED BY BATTLESHIP OF THE KAISER

Chile Protests That Deliberate  
Violation of Neutrality Has  
Been Committed by the  
Incident.

Serious diplomatic complications are threatened with Germany. The United States and Chile stand together in believing that the mysterious disappearance of the cargo of coal and provisions from the American-registered vessel, the *Sacramento*, is due either to a deliberate affront to the American flag and of the Chilean neutrality laws by Germany, or is the handiwork of a conspiracy on the part of the owners of the vessel and the German government to take advantage of the new ship registry law.

Rigid investigations have been ordered by the State Department. On the one hand, it has directed the United States consul at Valparaiso to make a full report on the incident from that end. It has also requested the Treasury Department to furnish it with full and complete information regarding the circumstances under which the vessel, formerly the *Alexandria*, of the Hamburg-American line, was transferred to American registry.

**Demand Explanation.**  
On the basis of these reports, the State Department will act. Whichever of the two conclusions are eventually drawn from the incident, it is a most serious one. The United States Government will make strong representations to Berlin for an explanation. Chile already announced its belief, through the maritime authorities at Santiago, that Germany has deliberately violated the neutrality laws of that country.

Under the American flag, which it raised after its transfer of registry and change of name, the *Sacramento* sailed from San Francisco on October 15 for Valparaiso with 5,000 tons of coal and a large quantity of provisions. The vessel has just arrived at the Chilean port with no coal on board and no provisions. Captain Jacobson explained the absence of his cargo by declaring that his ship, despite the American flag it was flying, was halted by a German battleship, seized and taken to the Chilean island of Juan Fernandez, where, he asserted, the coal and provisions were confiscated by the war vessel.

If this version is true, the United States has cause for grave demands upon Germany. Such action committed by a belligerent against a neutral flag has before this led to war. The whole spirit of the American foreign policy in the past has been for a strict and rigid maintenance of the "freedom of the seas" to neutral vessels in time of war.

Under the rules of international law, there would not be the slightest grounds for such action in the case of the *Sacramento*, which, in addition to sailing under a neutral flag, was heading for a neutral port. Chile holds equally improved in the light of this version, for it would mean that Germany, in defiance of Chile and her laws, was committing a violation of Chilean neutrality as a base of operations.

### MOB OF ZAPATISTAS PILLAGE MEXICO CITY

Villa Nears City as Guerilla Chief Drives  
Away Blanco, Carranzista General—  
Hordes of Bandits Swarm  
Through Capital.

VERA CRUZ, Nov. 25.—General Zapata and his horde of pillagers have entered Mexico City and destroyed the last semblance of law and order in that city, according to reports reaching Vera Cruz today.

The capital was evacuated last night by Gen. Lucio Blanco's forces and there was nothing to hinder the beginning of the carnival of looting.

Mobs swarmed through the streets of Mexico City last night, robbing stores, pawnshops, and other business houses. Frightened inhabitants remained in their homes and the few police were utterly inadequate to cope with the situation.

These mobs are said to have been comprised of the advance guard of the Zapatistas and the irresponsibles of the city itself.

Zapata is reported to have entered the capital in full force today and the troops of Villa are said to be only twenty miles away.

For several years Zapata and his army of looters have had a roving commission of their own. They have defied the constituted government of Mexico, no matter how constituted, and the name of the guerrilla chief has become a word of dread throughout this so-called republic. For several weeks past the Zapata forces have been levying tribute upon the suburbs of the capital.

Delegates of Zapata at the recent meeting of the chieftains at Aguas Calientes are believed to have had an understanding with Villa. With the forces of Zapata occupying the capital mob law will be in the ascendancy.

The beginning of the rioting was seen last night, when mobs had control of the streets of Mexico City for several hours. The looting bands gathered first in front of the national palace, where they hooted and jeered, then swarmed to all parts of the city and began the work of bootlegging.

Many shots were fired, but accounts from the capital fail to say how many were killed or injured. Street car service was abandoned.

In looting stores, the mobs did not overlook arms and ammunition, and these were appropriated wherever found. A body of civilians and federal soldiers, who had been mustered out of service a short time previous, were sworn in as special police late last night, but acts of violence continued intermittently throughout the entire night.

### Guadalajara May Fall Before Villa Assault

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 25.—Conflicting reports concerning the progress of the attack on Guadalajara, reported by 15,000 Villista troops under Gen. Felipe Angeles, were received in messages from the interior today. One stated that the Carranzistas are evacuating the city and fleeing to the north. Another stated that the battle is still in progress. Intercepted telegraph communication with the Angeles line at Guadalajara made it impossible to determine which report is true. The presence at Guadalajara of Gen. Francisco Villa himself is expected by his supporters to bring the battle to a successful termination.

From the headquarters of Gen. Carranzista, it is officially announced that thousands of troops from Gen. Alvaro Obregon's division are being rushed to the relief of Guadalajara. Carranzistas feel that the fall of the important city at this time would mean disaster for their cause.

The Vanguard of General Villa's army is rapidly nearing Mexico City, but no landing is reported to have taken place.

### BRYAN PROBES TURKEY'S BAN ON MESSAGES TO U. S. ENVOY

Demand Will Be Made That  
Code Cablegrams Go  
Through Without Restriction.  
Embassy Virtually Cut Off.

A sweeping investigation of the charge that the Turkish government is interfering with code messages addressed by Ambassador Morgenthau to this Government was today ordered by Secretary of State Bryan.

If the report is true it is understood that vigorous representations will be made to Turkey. The Government takes the position that, inasmuch as it is not a party to the hostilities now convulsing Europe, it cannot be expected to transact business with its diplomatic representatives in plain messages.

Pending the completion of the investigation, the State Department is communicating with Ambassador Morgenthau by means of Ambassador Page at London.

**Believe Messages Held.**  
It is believed here that Turkey may be holding up messages already filed by Mr. Morgenthau, and that this is the real reason why the complete official report of the Tennessee incident at Smyrna has not yet reached President Wilson. Several reports regarding conditions in Turkey were received today from American consular officials both in European and Asiatic Turkey. The contents of these messages were not revealed, although it is supposed that after being translated, they were communicated to President Wilson. It is understood that all of them contained the earlier reports of great unrest throughout Turkey, but that none carried any charge that Americans or American interests had been interfered with.

**New Source of Friction.**  
The fact that the Ottoman government has prohibited the nationals of any of the nations with which it is now at war leaving Turkish territory, naturally complicates the situation. Unless the Turkish government decides that these persons are to be treated as prisoners of war, they will have to be cared for by the American consular and diplomatic representatives, and this, it is believed, will result in friction. Should the facts develop that Turkey will not permit code messages to be transmitted or received, the State Department will be unable to deal with such situation intelligently upon its development, and the American representatives in Turkey will be thrown on their own initiative.

**Code Cables Refused.**  
The only notification regarding the code cables so far received here has been the announcement sent to the State Department by the cable companies. It stated that the companies have been warned that no code messages will be received from the territory of the belligerents.

### COUNTER-OFFENSIVE OF RUSSIANS FAILS

German War Office Says At-  
tacks of Czar's Men in Po-  
land Have Been Repulsed.

BERLIN (via Wireless to London), Nov. 25.—The Russian counter-offensive in Poland has failed, the official German war office statement today claims.

"In Eastern Prussia our troops have repulsed all Russian attacks," the statement declares. "Their counter-offensive in the direction of Lodz, Strykow, and Erzeszynie have failed. Attacks in the direction of Czenstochow have also failed."

"The western situation remains unchanged. We have made slight progress at Arras."

**Eighty Are Pardoned  
By Governor Blease**

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 25.—Eighty convicts in the State penitentiary were pardoned today by Governor Blease. The pardons were granted to a group of convicts who had been sentenced to life terms for various crimes, but who had shown good behavior and had been employed in the penitentiary for a long period.

## FRENCH DRIVE UPON METZ; REFUSE TRUCE

KAISER'S ARMY IS  
BLOCKED IN MARCH  
TO REACH WARSAW

Falling Back in Much Disorder  
After Severe Losses in Con-  
flict Lasting Several Days.

FORTY-MILE LINE IS  
REPORTED IN RETREAT

Poor Strategy Believed to Have  
Been Responsible for Recent  
German Reverses.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 25.—The Germans have again been repulsed in their march upon Warsaw. Russian forces have administered a disastrous defeat to the Kaiser's great army between the Vistula and Warthe rivers.

Semi-official and private dispatches from the battle zone claim that the Germans are falling back in considerable disorder, after severe losses in the conflict which has raged for several days. The retreat of the Germans is almost precipitate, and they have lost the strategic ground gained late last week.

It is consistently believed here that additional reports of the fighting between the Vistula and the Warthe are received and the German retreat continues the Russian victory will grow in magnitude.

**Forty-Mile Line Falls Back.**  
The Germans have now retreated to a line about a forty-mile line. The retreat is believed to have been caused by the Russian forces, which are now pressing the Germans back to the south of Kalisz, but the Russian troops it is likely that the forces of the Kaiser must fall back to the frontier for a second time. The battle line is swinging to the southwest.

Poor strategy is believed to have been partly responsible for the German reverses, and the crown prince apparently failed to take full advantage of the position gained in the earlier fighting. The fighting is still in progress, and the Germans are now being driven back to the frontier.

**Many Prisoners Taken.**  
The battering back of the German advance, in which about 500,000 Russian troops participated, was accompanied by the capturing of many prisoners. In several instances, it is reported, German regiments were surrounded by the Czar's troops and surrendered after putting up a brief and ineffectual resistance.

Officially, the Russian war office claims only a succession of victories over the German forces. A statement issued here says: "Continued success is reported from all our front Russian cavalry attacking German retreating infantry corps near Lodz, drove them into a swamp, inflicted great losses and captured a number of heavy guns. The attempts of our enemy to make counterattacks have everywhere been repulsed."

**Shows Poor Strategy.**  
That the great advantage claimed over the Russians by the German war office was virtually destroyed by poor strategy of the German Crown Prince is the substance of one report reaching Petrograd from the battle zone.

The German defeat is all the more significant because of the almost successful attempt to reach Warsaw. At one time, it was believed, the German forces had advanced to within thirty miles of the capital of Poland and the Russians were being driven back.

The Kaiser's troops now find the tables turned, and after tremendous losses in killed, wounded, and captured, are now being driven back toward the frontier after a hard-fought battle for advantage.

**One Regiment Surrendered.**  
The Russian report today claims that the German offensive along the "Black-leszczyn front" failed on that side, and that the German forces, who had heavy losses, are being driven back toward the frontier.

Another report is that the German army became divided and the Russians, who are now being driven back, are now being driven back toward the frontier after a hard-fought battle for advantage.

### Hutchins' Widow Refuses Evidence



MRS. ROSE KEELING HUTCHINS

Counsel for Son of Late Millionaire Threatens Con-  
tempt Proceedings Against Her in Contesting  
Distribution of \$4,000,000 Estate.

Contempt of court proceedings will be instituted against Mrs. Rose Keeling Hutchins, widow of Stilson Hutchins, if she continues to refuse to testify in the contest of his will distributing an estate valued at \$4,000,000.

This threat was made today by Attorney Frank J. Hogan, one of the counsel for Lee Hutchins, a son of the late millionaire, who is opposing the probate of the will, which leaves him only 20 per cent of the fortune, while his brother, Walter Stilson Hutchins, and his stepmother, Mrs. Hutchins, each are given 35 per cent, the remaining 10 per cent going to a granddaughter, Mildred Rodgers.

**TECHNICALITIES CONSIDERED.**

Mrs. Hutchins is at the Vanderbilt Hotel in New York, and, according to counsel for Lee Hutchins, has refused to testify in the will contest case, although efforts to take her deposition before a referee or commissioner in the metropolis have been made.

An effort will be made tomorrow to take Mrs. Hutchins' deposition.

Technicalities continue to take up time in the trial. Justice Anderson ruled today that Lee Hutchins has a right to testify as to his father's mental capacity when the will in question was executed, although he appeared as a witness to certain deeds executed by his father the same year.

A motion to limit the evidence as to the space of time they should cover

### ATTACKERS SHELL OUTER DEFENSES OF GERMAN BASE

Arnaville, on Frontier, Only Ten  
Miles From Kaiser's Strong-  
hold, Bombarded.

ARMISTICE IS REFUSED  
NORTHWEST OF VERDUN

Teuton Line Forced Back Far-  
ther Than at Any Time Since  
Opening of War.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—The French are now nearer the German stronghold of Metz than at any time since the war began. The official communique today declares that in the region of Fout-a-Mousson, on the French right, the artillery has bombarded Arnaville. This is within ten miles of Metz.

This would indicate that the French are within firing distance of the outer defenses of Metz and are assuming the offensive in a movement upon the German fortress.

Arnaville is at the junction of the important western and southern highways, which meet at the German frontier and lead on to Metz.

The Germans requested an armistice at Bahincourt, northwest of Verdun, the communique states. It was refused. Of the other regions, the statement declares:

"The Germans have not attacked between Ypres and the sea. We have made some gains between Langemark and Zonnebeker. Near La Bassée, Indian troops recaptured trenches which had been taken by the enemy."

"The British are still in the fighting from La Bassée to Soissons. In the Argonne and in the vicinity of Berry-au-Bac some progress has been made."

**Allies Threaten German  
Line as Battle Wanes**

LONDON, Nov. 25.—While official reports of the fighting in Belgium and France announce the general situation "unchanged," with minor variations for the allies, it is freely admitted in military circles that the critical stage of the battle is at hand.

The allies have checked every attempt of the invaders, allowed them to wear out their effectiveness, and are now pushing a general offensive that threatens the whole line of German trenches, according to the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle in northern France.

The combined French and British armies are being attacked by the Germans in force from Ypres to La Bassée and a conflict on the scale of the battles of the Marne and of the first and second battle of Ypres appears to be developing.

"In this terrific struggle into which the Germans enter with large reinforcements and new guns, the French and British armies are fighting directly in concert."

"Already the fight has been in progress for nearly eight hours. The night guns in the world's military history have been brought into action, carrying death and destruction for miles. In the darkness, the German machine guns are being directed by the light of the moon and the stars, and the German forces are being driven back by the British and French forces."

"Everywhere along the line I hear that the allies have succeeded in checking all the enemy's assaults. The Germans were allowed to exhaust themselves at the first attack, and the allies are now pushing a general offensive that threatens the whole line of German trenches, according to the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle in northern France."

**Every Movement Thwarted.**